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§ 12.02-17 Preparation and issuance of documents.

(a) Upon application of a person for a merchant mariner's document, any required examination will be given as soon as practicable.

(b) Upon determining that the applicant satisfactorily meets all requirements for the document and any endorsements requested, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, shall issue the appropriate document to the applicant. A merchant mariner's document is valid for a term of 5 years from the date of issuance. Any document which is renewed or reissued prior to its expiration date automatically becomes void upon issuance of the replacement document.

(c) When a person applies for a merchant mariner's document, he or she must—

- (1) Sign the document; and
- (2) Provide acceptable proof of identity as described in § 12.02-12.

(d) For recordkeeping purposes, the official identification number is a seaman's social security number.

(e) After July 31, 1998, an applicant for a merchant mariner's document who will be serving on a seagoing vessel of 200 GRT or more shall provide a document issued by a qualified medical practitioner attesting the applicant's medical fitness to perform the functions for which the document is issued.

(f) An applicant for a certificate of service or efficiency who has been duly examined and refused a certificate by an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may come before the same Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for reexamination at any time after the date of the initial examination. The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection sets the time of reexamination based on the applicant's performance on the initial examination. However, the maximum waiting period after the initial failure will be 30 days, and the maximum waiting period after a second or subsequent failure will be 90 days.

(g) An applicant who has been examined and refused a certificate by an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may not make application for examination to any other Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection until 30 days after the applicant's last failure of an examination or

reexamination. However, an applicant may apply for examination by another Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection before the expiration of the 30 day period if sanctioned by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection who refused the applicant.

(h) The mariner shall return the previous MMD when a new MMD is issued.

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§ 12.02-18 Fees.

(a) Use table 12.02-18 to determine the fees that you must pay for merchant mariner document activities in this part.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in this part, when two documents are processed on the same application—

(1) *Evaluation fees.* If a merchant mariner document transaction is processed on the same application as a license or certificate of registry transaction, only the license or certificate of registry evaluation fee will be charged;

(2) *Examination fees.* If a license examination under part 10 also fulfills the examination requirements in this part for a merchant mariner document, only the fee for the license examination is charged; and

(3) *Issuance fees.* A separate issuance fee will be charged for each document issued.

(c) You may pay—

(1) All fees required by this section when you submit your application; or

(2) A fee for each phase at the following times:

(i) An evaluation fee when you submit your application.

(ii) An examination fee before you take the first examination section.

(iii) An issuance fee before you receive your merchant mariner document.

(d) If you take your examination someplace other than a Regional Examination Center (REC), you must pay the examination fee to the REC at least one week before your scheduled examination date.

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(e) Unless the REC provides additional payment options, your fees may be paid as follows:

(1) Your fee payment must be for the exact amount.

(2) Make your check or money order payable to the U.S. Coast Guard, and write your social security number on the front of each check or money order.

(3) If you pay by mail, you must use either a check or money order.

(4) If you pay in person, you may pay with cash, check, or money order at Coast Guard units where Regional Examination Centers are located.

(f) The Coast Guard may assess charges for collecting delinquent payments or returned checks. The Coast Guard will not provide documentation services to a mariner who owes money for documentation services previously provided.

TABLE 12.02-18—FEES

If you apply for—	And you need—		
	Evaluation—Then the fee is—	Examination—Then the fee is—	Issuance—Then the fee is—
Merchant Mariner Document:			
Original:			
Without endorsement	\$95	n/a	\$45.
With endorsement	\$95	\$140	\$45.
Endorsement for qualified rating	\$95	\$140	\$45.
Upgrade or Raise in Grade	\$95	\$140	\$45.
Renewal without endorsement for qualified rating	\$50	n/a	\$45.
Renewal with endorsement for qualified rating	\$50	\$45	\$45.
Renewal for continuity purposes	n/a	n/a	\$45.
Reissue, Replacement, and Duplicate	n/a	n/a	\$45. ¹
STCW Certification:			
Original	No fee	No fee	No fee.
Renewal	No fee	No fee	No fee.
Other Transactions:			
Duplicate Continuous Discharge Book	n/a	n/a	\$10.
Duplicate record of sea service	n/a	n/a	\$10.
Copy of certificate of discharge	n/a	n/a	\$10.

¹ Duplicate for document lost as result of marine casualty—No Fee.

[USCG-1997-2799, 64 FR 42815, Aug. 5, 1999; 64 FR 53231, Oct. 1, 1999]

§ 12.02-19 Suspension or revocation of documents.

Any certificate of service or of efficiency or merchant mariner's document representing such certificate(s) is subject to suspension or revocation on the same grounds and in the same manner and with like procedure as is provided in the case of suspension or revocation of licenses of officers under the provisions of 46 U.S.C. Chapter 77.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16640, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51196, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 12.02-21 Issuance of documents after revocation.

(a) An applicant who has had a certificate or other document revoked and who is applying for certification in the same or any other rating shall state in his application the date of revocation

and number or type of the document revoked.

(b) No applicant who has had a certificate or other document revoked will be certificated in the same or any other rating except upon approval of the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16640, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50460, Sept. 29, 1995; USCG-1998-4442, 63 FR 52189, Sept. 30, 1998]

§ 12.02-23 Issuance of duplicate documents.

(a) If a seaman loses his continuous discharge book, merchant mariner's document or certificate of discharge by shipwreck or other casualty, he shall be supplied with a reissue of such documents free of charge. The phrase *or other casualty* as used in this section is interpreted to mean any damage to a